#### TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

some of the Noveltles Displayed for Christmus in the Stores.

Christmas toys and novelties for the their least life has little ones are displayed conspicuously | One spicuously, mot are father and eral new novelties invented have all a latterantions. been very few. Mechanical toys seem "Grandpa will be so lones one," the

Ct., and who buy up all the patents of me after poor Sam was gone." new-fangled mechanical toys, have a "Turkey to-morrow," chimed in the

The ran on mechanical roys is something wonderful. The hely full that walks and speaks, says muchina and paper and can be mechanical theatra in stride, go fike he cakes. They have smally been improved upon very much, but not recently invented.

something on the style of a go-as-you- the say, wherep king-match. The is new and saleable.

little one of our latest hits is the stump orator. It is a negro with a carpet bag in one hand and an umbrella in the other. He makes motions, pounds the desk in front of him with the umbreda, and assumes positions of appear, entreaty, fierceness and humor such as the orators of the day do when speaking. We paid a good deal to the in ventor and do not regret it. The dog cart with the dude in it driving a prancing horse will be put in the show-window for the first time this season. By winding it up, away it goes until it runs down. The bear that walks about snapping his jaws cost a lot of time and money to perfect.

"Ah! here is something," continued, the toy man, "which fires the young American heart and sells splendidly. The idea is not new but the modus operandi is the work of a genius. It is our Home Guards. You see here are thirty-eight wood soldiers, lithographed in bright colors. A platform on which they are is supplied with wood pins, a d as the soldiers and pins are removeable the soldiers can be formed into an endless variety of positions, and when so formed can be made to march and counter-march with the utmost precision, in single or double file, by compani columns, battalions or

"The Donnybrook Fair toy is a recent invention. It is called Shoot the hat.' A native of the E: erald Isle sits under a ball suspended by an elastic cord. You take the ball and try to knock his hat off without knocking over the figure. It is as difficult to do as winning hats on election bets, and I ought to know, for I lost only seven." →N. Y. Mail and Express.

#### And She Rose Up.

It was coolly planned and deliberate-ly executed in cold blood. They sat by the fire, and as he perused his paper she was busy with thoughts of Christmas. By and by he waked up and

"Did any parcels for me come up today?" "No, dear," she replied, as her face

grew white as snow. "Have you been

buying anything?' "No, nothing much. I happened in at Blank's this afternoon, and, as he

was selling out his slippers at cost, I bought me three pairs. Guess I'll be fixed for the next ten years to come."
"You-bought-slippers?" she gasped, as she pressed her hand upon her

"Yes, and Dash came to the door as I was going past, and asked me in to take a look at his stock of dressing gowns."

"And -and-" "And I bought me a couple. Rather handy garments, you know, and these

are something extra nice." "Do mean to tell me that you went

"Why, dear, how you tremble," he interrupted. "Yes, I bought two of

them, and when Dash happened to mention that I ought to have a smoking cap, twelve new shirts, and a smoking set and cane. I told him to go ahead and send them up. I'll order a new silk hat, wristlets, gloves, sleeve-buttons, and six neckties to-morrow. and then I guess I'll be provided for. Come and kiss your old hubby."

But she didn't. She rose up and gasped and rushed out of the room with tearful eyes and clenched teeth.

Do not buy any Christmas cards with imitations of snow and ice on them, unless you would be haunted by the posalbility that some poor girl had been billed in making them. The frosty effect is produced by means of minute bits of pulverized glass, scattered on a gummed surface. Some of these day, been known to penetrate the land of the girls, producing death or life-long

#### A Christmas Message.

It was Christmas eve. The streets were full of people all rushing homeward with nackages in their hands; some were carrying turkeys tied up in paper parcels, their fierce feet sticking out like weapons of defense. One man had a little rocking-

norse, and aunthor a drum, while a waenough for her crappled box, and two little g riscarried a la mechair between They were good to have it at

in all the shops. The improvements calldren, were marking up the avenue

to lead, and every child that can speak
wants a toy of some kind that either
moves or squeaks.
A large firm on Broadway, who have
Chr. times eve taset by a largely time an immense toy factory at Bridgeport, for tach r. I'm sure it used to be for

"How are trys selling this season?" in a small forest of celery he was carrying.

\*\*An, plana puddin' an' an' over

not recently invented.

The metric of the small agent in least to summit a longly—let us see. late outnoted the a common times of a five was an old, old main, with thin, in a clayed the blogh, scaled on a shrougen excels, a back bowed by black walnut box and a small keg at care and trouble and with long, floathis elbow, with the historical long pipe ing locks of lint-white hair that was as and mag of be t in his hand. Place a line as silk. He had drawn his arm-eigarette in his pipe, and, when wound chair in front of the window so that he up and the eigerette lighted, the figure could see the "children" when they will raw and pull the smoter in a per-came across under the street lamp. firstly natural masser. The motions which was lighted to early that it of the head and arm, and the action chose is a taper in the yellow and while smoking, are perfect. These sell red atmosphere of a setting sun, recodly to the small boys, ambitious to an in a year moon blended with the learn how to smoke and use to have.

"Then there is the walk around," his eves on the struggling light, but two figures that go eaverting around they wave of from that and sought

In the dim and distant ether

The distance and shipms through

And mother and mother

Trembled softly in the blue.

Soon he had unseen company, and was no longer lone y. A sweet, young face, radical with the bloom of immortality, and that light which never was on sea or land, came close to his, and he could real the very thrill of her kisses on his dull cheek. Then she brought him their first-born, that lovely babehis first and only son. Then two children were at his knee, and the young mother lay with a sweet smile on her lips, where the weary are at rest. But he only saw his boy-his dear, dear boy-now a merry youth-then the helmet of a soldier shading his frank, blue eyes-then a soldier's record, promomotion—the epaulets of a brave officer, and so proud to wear them and have his father walking with him, and hearing how he fought this battle and won that, and what he meant to do when the war was over.

#### "And they had unseen company To make the spirit quall."

But they knew it not, and the proud young victor rode away to his death on that dreadful battlefield from which ho never returned.

the old man saw the troops in the sky, he saw their gay banners, he saw his son-the General-proud, handsome, unspoiled by the admiration of a world-he saw-ah, Heaven! he saw him dying alone on the field of battle. and it was Christmas eve. No hand to give him even a drink of water, to raise that beloved head, to wipe the death foam from the pallid lips, only the pitiless stars and the cold moon to not his dying agonics!

But sta. "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee. His peace passeth all understanding. Who knows that he died alone? Who can deny that his young mother leaned over him and whispered words of sweetest comfort-that the pain and memory and

#### A "Kringled" Family.

"Dad wasn't so much to blame, after all," explained a boy of 12 as an officer walked the old man towards the station house Christmas forenoon. "It ail come about through that turkey." "What turkey?"

"Why, last evenin' a cutter driv up to the door and a high-toned lady sent in a seven-pound turkey by the driver. He said it was Kriss Kringle, or jingjangle, or some such thing meant to make poor folks happy. Then the trouble began."

"Why, dad wanted to trade it for beer and ma'm wanted to trade it for candy, and us young 'uns wanted it baked. We had a row, and the turkey was hung up for a Christmas dinuer."

"Well, this mornin' some of us wanted it biled and some baked, and we had another shindy. When we decided to bake it ma'm went out to buy stuffin' and lost a quarter. Then dad went out to buy stuffin' an' come home tight. Then ma'm borrowed some crackers an' got trusted fur some oysters, an'

the turkey was stuffed." Then, what?"

"Then we couldn't git up fire 'nuff in the old stove to bake it, an' we hadn't no platter to put it on, and there wasn't 'nuff dishes and cheers fur us all to sot down at the fust table. and dad chopped his hand in tryin' to carve it, and when he kicked the table over and left the house he was mad. I reckon this chap who got a black eye said sunthin to dad about Merry Christmas, and I reckon dad didn't wait two seconds before he hit him."

"And where is the turkey?" "Dunne. Recken the dog has got it. Ma'm she's gone fur the river to drown herself, dad he's locked up, the children are home bawlin', and I feel like runnin' away an' goin' to Buffalo. another Kriss Kringle strikes our sh' inty, we might as well let the fire go, out | gave so the church. and freeze to death in a decent man-

#### Christmas Hints.

In every household we would strongly urge the Christmas decorations. There is much pleasure in united home work. Where all are interested and busy there is sure to be happiness. We always trim with fir or hemlock. For some things the double fir-we call it so-is lovely. Codar and the trailing evergreen are pretty when they are first arranged, but soon look dry and faded, while the to-mlock will remain bright and glo-y as out as we care for it, giving us a strouble about shedding its leaves.

We paske sure of our branches, or trees, some two works before Unrisisings had your have been many, but lit- | wath the rurms havied had. They were | thus. The dist thoroughly storny children, saip the pieces of hemlock for more deft fingers to arrange. We cut the pieces for trimming about a quarter of a yard long: that gives us a good end, and a tiny branch on either side. We commence with one of these pieces, holding the stem, the foliage hanging down: then we place another piece upon that, unalling it look like a vine as much as possible. We need yards of trimming made in like manner, securing each twig by winding firmly with course vacu. In festuaning the trimming over sporch were should use two selection pieces. Bake ing each seem to great toward the ceater. The ends require a twig of homlock tied on, bunched down to give them a finish. We must loop the ever-green over the doors and windows. Where the dark green trimming fulls among our plants at the south windows the effect is lovely. This vinelike trimming is particularly attractive in the evening when the skadows are reflected upon the walls, giving the appearance of vines occoping all around the room. Over some of the pictures we would suggest a bow-knot of evergreens with long ends, over and under others a cross, dove, or basket of flowers. Sadly and lovingly we fwine wrenthes of evergreen, intermixed with clusters of bittersweet, around the pictures of some sweet, dear faces who are with us now only in sweet memories. If we have house plants, a deep dish filled with mosses, ferns and other plants, autumn leaves pinned here and there, with a bouquet of natural, fresh flowers, our home will then present a

very attractive appearance. The work gives pleasure in itself. It makes the home seem cheery and homelike. Any such work of mutual interest strengthens the home love. It makes happier and better children, as well as truer, more devoted parents. Let us celebrate our anniversaries by making them fruitful of much good. Let us enlarge our sympathies, embracing some of our kindly remembrances outside our family friends. We should educate our children to be willing co-workers. The boys should be encouraged to make little brackets and crosses, covering them with beautiful mosses. Making wax leaves, dressing dolls, and such other work as mothers can suggest, must busy the hands and hearts of our little girls. How many ways there are to interest children and exert a lasting influence upon their characters for good, together with imparting present enjoyment, if the mother realizes her work.

#### A New Game For Children.

The little ones will thank us for reprinting a description of the following new game for children, as is described in the Little Folks' Magazine. It is called the game of "Names."

Each player is presented with a long slip of paper and a pencil, and if one of the players has a watch so much the better: if not, a clock must be used. One commences by calling out: Girls names commencing with A two minutes allowed:" Each player then writes down all the girls' names that he (or she) can recollect, and at the expiration of the two minutes "time" is called. Then the oldest player readsfrom his (or her) slip all the names he or she has written down-say Amy, Amabel, Alice, Ann. Annie, Armanda, Alleen, etc. All the other players, as the names are read out, cancel any name read out. If, for instance, all have written Amy, all cancel Amy and count one mark. Say six players have Amabel and four have not, each of the six counts one mark, those who have not thought and written down Amabel get nothing for Amabel, and so on through the list. he object of the game is to teach the children all boys' and girls' names. When the marks have been allotted for all the names, the total of the marks are read out an noted on each slip. The players t'aen proceed in a similar manner for all boys'names commencing with A. such as Alfred, Abel, Adam, Ar drew, Ar thur, etc. The game can be continued until all the letters of the alphabet are exhausted. But gractically, young players rarely care to "do" mor a than thirty sets, or tilteen letters consecutively. Various names crop up, and the memory is well exercise d, and the children generally vote it great fun-Any one introducing pet or fancy names, such as Pussy, Kit, Teddy, etc., forfeits two marks, unless it be arranged that they be allowed.

### Rules for ' every Day Use.

Never dispr to with a tax-collector, unless you b are a receipt. Never fip at with a bigger man than

you, unle she has his hands tied. Remer oper how often you lorget the poor; ' locget how often you remember them righten your friend's face with some

t of kindness. To a man who hasn't and his supper, a new dollar is about the brightest thing, if you have one Don't steal money from the widow to

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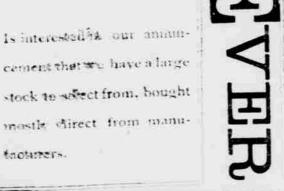
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